(ii) Annual Accounts of the Central Board for Workers Education, Bombay, for the year 1987-88 and the Audit Report thereon.

(iii) Review by Government on the working of the Board.

(iv) Statement giving reasons for the delay in laying the papers mentioned at (i) above.

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[The Deputy Chairman in the Chair]

HIRE-PURCHASE (AMENDMENT) BILL, 1989

THE MINISTER OF LAW AND JUSTICE AND WATER RESOURCES (SHRI B. SHANKARANAND) Madam, I beg to move for leave to introduce a Bill to amend the Hire-purchase Act, 1972,

The question was put and the motion was adopted.

SHRI B. SHANKARANAND : Madam, I introduce the Bill.

ASSAM UNIVERSITY BILL, 1989

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENTS OF EDUCATION AND CULTURE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI L. P. SHAHI) : Madam, I beg to move for leave to introduce a Bill to establish and incorporate a teaching and affiliating University in the State of Assam and to provide for matters connected therewith or incidental thereto.

The quuestion was proposed.

SHRIMATI BIJOYA CHAKRAVARTY (Assam): Madam, I want to say something about this. .. (*Interruptions*)...

SHRI SUBRAMANIAN SWAMY (Uttar Pradesh) : If she wants to oppose the introduction of the Bill, she has a right to do that.

THE DEPUTY CHAIRMAN : Yes, but you don't have to teach me. I know.

SHRI SUBRAMANIAN SWAMY : I am not teaching you. I am trying to bring it to your notice.

SHRIMATI BIJOYA CHAKRAVARTY : Madam, my point is this. This is the map of Assam. This Assam University Bill is going to be introduced today without making any consultation with the Government of Assam. It is purely for political ends that this Central University is going to be located in this area which is Cachar. The black portion is the northern part of the Brahmaputra Valley which is completely vacant. There is no technical college, there is no medical college in the northern part of Assam. But, in this portion where the Central University is to be located, there is a full-fledged Medical College, there is a full-fledged Engineering College.

SHRI N.K.P. SALVE (Maharashtra): Madam, she cannot speak on the merits of the Bill

SHRIMATI BIJOYA CHAKRAVARTY: This is the way in which the Central Government is trying to wipe out regional imbalances! For what reason is a Central University going to be set up here? It is going to belie the hopes and aspirations of the common people of the State of Assam. Moreover, this place where it is going to be located isnot in the proximity of Manipur, Nagaland